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Negro Preachers

[From the Danville Register]

Much has been said in the newspapers
about Mahone's secret methods, his secret
circuits to negro preachers and his commu-
nications to them, but people as a general rule
have received these things as a little over-
drawn and have not believed the half that
has been told them.

It is but natural that people should think
that it is hard to believe that a man with
Anglo-Saxon blood flowing in his veins,
would, for the sake of political success,
stoop so low as to attempt to arouse the bit-
ter passions of the negro and array him
against the white man.

But that these circuits are being sent
out and that their effect on the ignorant and
vicious negro is detrimental to the peace
and good order of the State there can longer
be a doubt. "Rev." James Epps, fami-
liar to us as Jim Epps, is a tall, rawboned
black negro, who lives in a little shanty on
the bank of the James River, just at the east
end of the trestle, upon which the Atlantic
and Danville road crosses Pumpkin Creek.

He is a smart, shrewd negro, and the head
of quite a family, among whom are several
grown boys. He lives in the shanty in which
he lives from Mr. Stone, and also rents from
Dr. H. W. Cole, of the city, the island in
Dan river known as Flag Island. He makes
a crop, or rather makes his boys make a
crop on the island, manages several fish
traps there, catches drift wood which he
hauls to town and sells, and thus by work-
ing his boys as veritable slaves, he manages
to make a living without selling his
own hands or hardening them by labor. Be-
ing thus comfortably situated and having
nothing to do himself, Epps sits about under
the shade of the trees, reads as best he can
the Scriptures and studies the political situa-
tion. The Richmond Planet, the leading
negro organ of Virginia, published at the
capital by a negro, seems to be Epps' choice
literature. He takes the paper and pre-
serves the files with jealous care.

Some months ago, Epps constituted him a
preacher. He has not been regularly or-
dained, but is merely a self constituted sort
of D. D. He leads prayer meetings, preach-
es in the absence of the regular appointee
and officiates generally among the members
of numerous flocks in this part of Pittwater
county. Thus it happens that the
"Rev." James Epps came got on the list
of the Mahone literary bureau, as
one worthy to receive Mahone's secret, in-
flammatory and communistic circulars.

Epps has received a number of circulars
and comes to the Danville postoffice every
day to inquire for his mail. He rarely ever
fails to receive communications of some
kind.

On the lands of J. Abell Motley, about
two miles from Danville, there lives an hon-
est, hard working white man whose name is
James A. Durham, who is a farm hand, a
democrat and an ex Confederate soldier.
The house in which Mr. Durham lives is not
far from the shanty occupied by Epps. On
Sunday, the 29th of September, Mr. Dur-
ham was walking down the Atlantic and
Danville railroad track in search of a miss-
ing cow. When he reached Epps' shanty
he got in conversation with the so-called
preacher. Epps asked Mr. Durham to read a
few paragraphs from the Richmond Planet,
and Mr. Durham did so. The first article
which Mr. Durham was requested to read
was a bitter attack on Hon. Frank G. Ruf-
fin. The next was an article in which it
was argued by the writer that the white
man was more dependent upon the negro
than was the negro upon the white man,
and that whatever the white man possessed
had been acquired by the negro's aid, and that,
therefore, the negro was entitled to a share
of it. The next article went on to say that
the negroes in the southern States had been
overworked and butchered, and that now
the negro's choice of party being in power, it
was the negro's time to make himself felt,
&c. This is Mr. Durham's recollection of
the sense and tenor of the articles. Epps
then asked Mr. Durham to read some Scrip-
ture for him and sent a boy to the house
for a Bible. While the boy was gone Epps
took from his pocket a number of circulars
and a card. These he refused to show to
Mr. Durham, saying they were secret. When
the boy came with the Bible Epps referred
to the card, which he kept hid from Dur-
ham's view, and thus refreshing his memory,
asked Mr. Durham to read various verses
from the 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th
chapters of Joshua. By reference to these
chapters the reader will see that they speak
of the division of the lands of Canaan among
the tribes of Israel. In the 17th chapter Mr.
Durham read at Epps' request, who looked
upon the card for the number of the chapter
and verse, as follows:

"But the mountain shall be thine; for it
is a wood and thou shalt cut it down; and
the outgoings of it shall be thine; for thou
shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they
have iron chariots and though they be strong."

In chapter 18 H. Mr. Durham also read:
"And there remained among the children
of Israel seven tribes which had not yet re-
ceived their inheritance."

"And Joshua said unto the children of Is-
rael: How long are ye slack to go to pos-
sess the land which the Lord God of your
fathers hath given you?"

"And J. shua cast lots for them in Shiloh
before the Lord, and there Joshua divided
the land unto the children of Israel accord-
ing to their divisions."

"Now," said Epps, "will you interpret
that Scripture for me?"

Mr. Durham told him what it meant.
Epps looked for a few moments at the se-
cret circular, then at the card and said:
"No, you are mistaken."

Then pointing to Jim Stone's beautiful
low grounds and the surrounding hills
clothed in their many colored autumn ve-
stures this modern Joshua of color said:
"These are the lands referred to, and we
colored people are the tribes, who are to
cast lots for them. The time has come for
the division."

Epps then referred again to his card and
asked Mr. Durham to read the 16th verse of
the 20th chapter of Matthew. It was
read as follows:

"So the last shall be first and the first
last, for many be called, but few are cho-
sen."

Epps said that meant that the negro who had
always been last, should now be first, and after
the election the negro would possess the land
which was his right and the last would indeed be
first. He folded the circular and after carefully
placing it in his pocket, he told Mr. Dur-
ham that he was forming clubs of twenty and
instructing them in their duties and how to
proceed. He said that he wanted to form a
club of less than twenty because less than that
number could not do much, but in that neigh-
borhood he thought he would get up a club of more
than a hundred, perhaps a hundred and fifty.

Now all this to the average mind may sound
silly, and it is silly, but at the same time it is a
very serious matter. Here is a smart, shrewd,
thoroughly comparative ignorant negro, with a
wonderful influence over other ignorant and su-
perstitious, semi-religious, semi-barbaric negroes,
and teaching them that upon the result of the com-
ing election depends their future greatness, &c.;
teaching the clubs of twenty the worst and most
vicious communistic views and ideas and trying to
hook it with Scripture vilely perverted.

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own brain? The merest child will answer no.
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